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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Utility Patent Application: Stan Routt and Hermilio Rubio, inventors

Application Number: 10/773,953

Art Unit 3723

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In Re: Office Action from Examiner Debra Meislin dated May 02, 2006

*Transmitted by fax*

*Tuesday, June 20, 2006*

**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW**

Sir:

I, the undersigned patent agent of record in the above-listed patent application, hereby apply to the Commissioner to withdraw as the agent of record in this application.

I have spoken with the inventors' representative (Stan Routt, first-named inventor) and verified their desire to pursue representation by a different law firm. The inventors' representative has personally verified that I should take no further action in the file and that I would return the files to him. The return of files is taking place at this time, the return being by mail to Mr. Routt.

I was directed to the following address to return the files, which is still believed to be a good address for the applicants:

Mr. Stan Routt  
3095 Linden Avenue  
Long Beach, California 90807

This withdrawal is being done for record purposes and to show that I have complied with the inventors' standing direction.



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Per the received instructions above, it would not be fair or reasonable for me to continue as patent agent of record in this case. I believe that I will be harmed if I were to continue to assume responsibility in any way over this application, and that the client would be harmed also. Specifically, if this application for withdrawal is not approved, then my professional and ethical obligations as patent agent would force me to expend additional time and resources on behalf of the Applicants in monitoring the status of this application and responding to any and all office actions as they arose, **EVEN WITHOUT ANY DIRECTION FROM THE CLIENT**. Therefore, I **MUST WITHDRAW** as representative on this application.

This request is made more than one month from the statutory shortened expiration of the final office action. Thus, my withdrawal at this time will not prejudice Applicants' position and will afford Applicants sufficient time to seek substitute counsel on a timely basis.

Once the application for this withdrawal is approved, kindly direct all future correspondence regarding this application to the first inventor at his present principal place of business:

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Respectfully Submitted,

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